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24 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

25 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

26 ESTATE OF JEREMIAH CHASS, MARK  
27 CHASS, YVETTE CHASS, and I.C., a minor,  
28 by and through his Guardian Ad Litem,  
YVETTE CHASS,

Plaintiffs,

v.

COUNTY OF SONOMA, BILL COGBILL, in  
his individual capacity and in his official  
capacity as Sheriff for the COUNTY OF  
SONOMA, SONOMA COUNTY DEPUTY  
SHERIFF JOHN MISITA, SONOMA COUNTY  
DEPUTY SHERIFF JIM RYAN, and DOES 1  
through 50,

Defendants.

CASE NO.: CV 08 0111 MMC

**STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER**

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1           1. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

2           Disclosure and discovery activity in this action are likely to involve production of  
3 confidential, proprietary, or private information for which special protection from public disclosure  
4 and from use for any purpose other than prosecuting this litigation would be warranted.

5           Accordingly, the parties hereby stipulate to and petition the court to enter the following Stipulated  
6 Protective Order. The parties acknowledge that this Order does not confer blanket protections on all  
7 disclosures or responses to discovery and that the protection it affords extends only to the limited  
8 information or items that are entitled under the applicable legal principles to treatment as  
9 confidential. The parties further acknowledge, as set forth in Section 10, below, that this Stipulated  
10 Protective Order creates no entitlement to file confidential information under seal; Civil Local Rule  
11 79-5 sets forth the procedures that must be followed and reflects the standards that will be applied  
12 when a party seeks permission from the court to file material under seal.

13           2. DEFINITIONS

14           2.1     Party: any party to this action, including all of its officers, directors,  
15 employees, consultants, retained experts, and outside counsel (and their support staff).

16           2.2     Disclosure or Discovery Material: all items or information, regardless of the  
17 medium or manner generated, stored, or maintained (including, among other things, testimony,  
18 transcripts, or tangible things) that are produced or generated in disclosures or responses to  
19 discovery in this matter.

20           2.3     "Confidential" Information or Items: information (regardless of how  
21 generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for protection under standards  
22 developed under F.R.Civ.P. 26(c).

23           2.4     "Highly Confidential – Attorneys' Eyes Only" Information or Items:  
24 extremely sensitive "Confidential Information or Items" whose disclosure to another Party or  
25 nonparty would create a substantial risk of serious injury that could not be avoided by less  
26 restrictive means.

27           2.5     Receiving Party: a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery Material from  
28 a Producing Party.

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1                   2.6     Producing Party: a Party or non-party that produces Disclosure or Discovery  
2     Material in this action.

3                   2.7     Designating Party: a Party or non-party that designates information or items  
4     that it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as “Confidential” or “Highly  
5     Confidential — Attorneys’ Eyes Only.”

6                   2.8     Protected Material: any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is designated  
7     as “Confidential” or as “Highly Confidential – Attorneys’ Eyes Only.”

8                   2.9     Outside Counsel: attorneys who are not employees of a Party but who are  
9     retained to represent or advise a Party in this action.

10                  2.10    House Counsel: attorneys who are employees of a Party.

11                  2.11    Counsel (without qualifier): Outside Counsel and House Counsel (as well as  
12     their support staffs).

13                  2.12    Expert: a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a matter  
14     pertinent to the litigation who has been retained by a Party or its counsel to serve as an expert  
15     witness or as a consultant in this action and who is not a past or a current employee of a Party or of  
16     a competitor of a Party’s and who, at the time of retention, is not anticipated to become an  
17     employee of a Party or a competitor of a Party’s. This definition includes a professional jury or trial  
18     consultant retained in connection with this litigation.

19                  2.13    Professional Vendors: persons or entities that provide litigation support  
20     services (e.g., photocopying; videotaping; translating; preparing exhibits or demonstrations;  
21     organizing, storing, retrieving data in any form or medium; etc.) and their employees and  
22     subcontractors.

### 23                  3. SCOPE

24                  The protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order cover not only Protected Material  
25     (as defined above), but also any information copied or extracted therefrom, as well as all copies,  
26     excerpts, summaries, or compilations thereof, plus testimony, conversations, or presentations by  
27     parties or counsel to or in court or in other settings that might reveal Protected Material.

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1           4. DURATION

2           Even after the termination of this litigation, the confidentiality obligations imposed by this  
3 Order shall remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees otherwise in writing or a court order  
4 otherwise directs.

5           5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

6                   5.1   Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection. Each  
7 Party or non-party that designates information or items for protection under this Order must take  
8 care to limit any such designation to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate standards.  
9 A Designating Party must take care to designate for protection only those parts of material,  
10 documents, items, or oral or written communications that qualify – so that other portions of the  
11 material, documents, items, or communications for which protection is not warranted are not swept  
12 unjustifiably within the ambit of this Order.

13                   Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations that are  
14 shown to be clearly unjustified, or that have been made for an improper purpose (e.g., to  
15 unnecessarily encumber or retard the case development process, or to impose unnecessary expenses  
16 and burdens on other parties), expose the Designating Party to sanctions.

17                   If it comes to a Party's or a non-party's attention that information or items that it  
18 designated for protection do not qualify for protection at all, or do not qualify for the level of  
19 protection initially asserted, that Party or non-party must promptly notify all other parties that it is  
20 withdrawing the mistaken designation.

21                   5.2   Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in this  
22 Order (see, e.g., second paragraph of section 5.2(a), below), or as otherwise stipulated or ordered,  
23 material that qualifies for protection under this Order must be clearly so designated before the  
24 material is disclosed or produced.

25                   Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

26                   (a) for information in documentary form (apart from transcripts of depositions or  
27 other pretrial or trial proceedings), that the Producing Party affix the legend "CONFIDENTIAL" or  
28 "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" at the top of each page that contains

1 protected material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection,  
 2 the Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate  
 3 markings in the margins) and must specify, for each portion, the level of protection being  
 4 asserted (either "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES  
 5 ONLY").

6 A Party or non-party that makes original documents or materials available for  
 7 inspection need not designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has indicated  
 8 which material it would like copied and produced. During the inspection and before the  
 9 designation, all of the material made available for inspection shall be deemed "HIGHLY  
 10 CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY." After the inspecting Party has identified the  
 11 documents it wants copied and produced, the Producing Party must determine which documents, or  
 12 portions thereof, qualify for protection under this Order, then, before producing the specified  
 13 documents, the Producing Party must affix the appropriate legend ("CONFIDENTIAL" or  
 14 "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY") at the top of each page that  
 15 contains Protected Material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for  
 16 protection, the Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making  
 17 appropriate markings in the margins) and must specify, for each portion, the level of protection  
 18 being asserted (either "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS'  
 19 EYES ONLY").

20 (b) for testimony given in deposition or in other pretrial or trial proceedings, that the  
 21 Party or non-party offering or sponsoring the testimony identify on the record, before the close of  
 22 the deposition, hearing, or other proceeding, all protected testimony, and further specify any  
 23 portions of the testimony that qualify as "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES  
 24 ONLY." When it is impractical to identify separately each portion of testimony that is entitled to  
 25 protection, and when it appears that substantial portions of the testimony may qualify for  
 26 protection, the Party or non-party that sponsors, offers, or gives the testimony may invoke on the  
 27 record (before the deposition or proceeding is concluded) a right to have up to 20 days to identify  
 28 the specific portions of the testimony as to which protection is sought and to specify the level of

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1 protection being asserted (“CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’  
 2 EYES ONLY”). Only those portions of the testimony that are appropriately designated for  
 3 protection within the 20 days shall be covered by the provisions of this Stipulated Protective Order.

4 Transcript pages containing Protected Material must be separately bound by the  
 5 court reporter, who must affix to the top of each such page the legend “CONFIDENTIAL” or  
 6 “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY,” as instructed by the Party or  
 7 nonparty offering or sponsoring the witness or presenting the testimony.

8 (c) for information produced in some form other than documentary, and for any  
 9 other tangible items, that the Producing Party affix in a prominent place on the exterior of the  
 10 container or containers in which the information or item is stored the legend “CONFIDENTIAL” or  
 11 “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY.” If only portions of the information  
 12 or item warrant protection, the Producing Party, to the extent practicable, shall identify the  
 13 protected portions, specifying whether they qualify as “Confidential” or as “Highly Confidential –  
 14 Attorneys’ Eyes Only.”

15 5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure  
 16 to designate qualified information or items as “Confidential” or “Highly Confidential – Attorneys’  
 17 Eyes Only” does not, standing alone, waive the Designating Party’s right to secure protection under  
 18 this Order for such material. If material is appropriately designated as “Confidential” or “Highly  
 19 Confidential – Attorneys’ Eyes Only” after the material was initially produced, the Receiving Party,  
 20 on timely notification of the designation, must make reasonable efforts to assure that the material is  
 21 treated in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

## 22 6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

23 6.1 Timing of Challenges. Unless a prompt challenge to a Designating Party’s  
 24 confidentiality designation is necessary to avoid foreseeable substantial unfairness, unnecessary  
 25 economic burdens, or a later significant disruption or delay of the litigation, a Party does not waive  
 26 its right to challenge a confidentiality designation by electing not to mount a challenge promptly  
 27 after the original designation is disclosed.

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1           6.2    Meet and Confer. A Party that elects to initiate a challenge to a Designating  
 2 Party's confidentiality designation must do so in good faith and must begin the process by  
 3 conferring directly (in voice to voice dialogue; other forms of communication are not sufficient)  
 4 with counsel for the Designating Party. In conferring, the challenging Party must explain the basis  
 5 for its belief that the confidentiality designation was not proper and must give the Designating Party  
 6 an opportunity to review the designated material, to reconsider the circumstances, and, if no change  
 7 in designation is offered, to explain the basis for the chosen designation. A challenging Party may  
 8 proceed to the next stage of the challenge process only if it has engaged in this meet and confer  
 9 process first.

10           6.3    Judicial Intervention. A Party that elects to press a challenge to a  
 11 confidentiality designation after considering the justification offered by the Designating Party may  
 12 file and serve a motion under Civil Local Rule 7 (and in compliance with Civil Local Rule 79-5, if  
 13 applicable) that identifies the challenged material and sets forth in detail the basis for the challenge.  
 14 Each such motion must be accompanied by a competent declaration that affirms that the movant has  
 15 complied with the meet and confer requirements imposed in the preceding paragraph and that sets  
 16 forth with specificity the justification for the confidentiality designation that was given by the  
 17 Designating Party in the meet and confer dialogue.

18           The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding shall be on the  
 19 Designating Party. Until the court rules on the challenge, all parties shall continue to afford the  
 20 material in question the level of protection to which it is entitled under the Producing Party's  
 21 designation.

## 22           7.    ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

23           7.1    Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is  
 24 disclosed or produced by another Party or by a non-party in connection with this case only for  
 25 prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this litigation. Such Protected Material may be  
 26 disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the conditions described in this Order. When  
 27 the litigation has been terminated, a Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of section 11,  
 28 below (FINAL DISPOSITION).

Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at a location and in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized under this Order.

7.2 Disclosure of "CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items. Unless otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated CONFIDENTIAL only to:

(a) the Receiving Party's Outside Counsel of record in this action, as well as employees of said Counsel to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this litigation and who have signed the "Agreement to Be Bound by Protective Order" that is attached hereto as Exhibit A;

(b) the officers, directors, and employees (including House Counsel) of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the "Agreement to Be Bound by Protective Order" (Exhibit A);

(c) experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the "Agreement to Be Bound by Protective Order" (Exhibit A);

(d) the Court and its personnel;

(e) court reporters, their staffs, and professional vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the "Agreement to Be Bound by Protective Order" (Exhibit A);

(f) during their depositions, witnesses in the action to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary and who have signed the "Agreement to Be Bound by Protective Order" (Exhibit A).

Pages of transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal Protected Material must be separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted under this Stipulated Protective Order.

(g) the author of the document or the original source of the information.

7.3 Disclosure of "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" Information or Items. Unless otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the



1 Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated "HIGHLY  
2 CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" only to:

3 (a) the Receiving Party's Outside Counsel of record in this action, as well as  
4 employees of said Counsel to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this  
5 litigation and who have signed the "Agreement to Be Bound by Protective Order" that is attached  
6 hereto as Exhibit A;

7 (b) Experts (as defined in this Order) (1) to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary  
8 for this litigation, (2) who have signed the "Agreement to Be Bound by Protective Order" (Exhibit  
9 A);

10 (c) the Court and its personnel;

11 (d) court reporters, their staffs, and professional vendors to whom disclosure is  
12 reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the "Agreement to Be Bound by  
13 Protective Order" (Exhibit A); and

14 (e) the author of the document or the original source of the information.

15 8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN  
16 OTHER LITIGATION.

17 If a Receiving Party is served with a subpoena or an order issued in other litigation that  
18 would compel disclosure of any information or items designated in this action as  
19 "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY," the  
20 Receiving Party must so notify the Designating Party, in writing (by fax, if possible) immediately  
21 and in no event more than three court days after receiving the subpoena or order. Such notification  
22 must include a copy of the subpoena or court order.

23 The Receiving Party also must immediately inform in writing the Party who caused the  
24 subpoena or order to issue in the other litigation that some or all the material covered by the  
25 subpoena or order is the subject of this Protective Order. In addition, the Receiving Party must  
26 deliver a copy of this Stipulated Protective Order promptly to the Party in the other action that  
27 caused the subpoena or order to issue.

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1 The purpose of imposing these duties is to alert the interested parties to the existence of this  
 2 Protective Order and to afford the Designating Party in this case an opportunity to try to protect its  
 3 confidentiality interests in the court from which the subpoena or order issued. The Designating  
 4 Party shall bear the burdens and the expenses of seeking protection in that court of its confidential  
 5 material – and nothing in these provisions should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a  
 6 Receiving Party in this action to disobey a lawful directive from another court.

7 9. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

8 If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed Protected  
 9 Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this Stipulated Protective Order,  
 10 the Receiving Party must immediately (a) notify in writing the Designating Party of the  
 11 unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all copies of the Protected Material, (c)  
 12 inform the person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this  
 13 Order, and (d) request such person or persons to execute the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to  
 14 Be Bound” that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

15 10. FILING PROTECTED MATERIAL. Without written permission from the  
 16 Designating Party or a court order secured after appropriate notice to all interested persons, a Party  
 17 may not file in the public record in this action any Protected Material. A Party that seeks to file  
 18 under seal any Protected Material must comply with Civil Local Rule 79-5.

19 11. FINAL DISPOSITION. Unless otherwise ordered or agreed in writing by the  
 20 Producing Party, within sixty days after the final termination of this action, each Receiving Party  
 21 must return all Protected Material to the Producing Party. As used in this subdivision, “all Protected  
 22 Material” includes all copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries or any other form of reproducing  
 23 or capturing any of the Protected Material. With permission in writing from the Designating Party,  
 24 the Receiving Party may destroy some or all of the Protected Material instead of returning it.  
 25 Whether the Protected Material is returned or destroyed, the Receiving Party must submit a written  
 26 certification to the Producing Party (and, if not the same person or entity, to the Designating Party)  
 27 by the sixty day deadline that identifies (by category, where appropriate) all the Protected Material  
 28 that was returned or destroyed and that affirms that the Receiving Party has not retained any copies,

abstracts, compilations, summaries or other forms of reproducing or capturing any of the Protected Material. Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel are entitled to retain an archival copy of all pleadings, motion papers, transcripts, legal memoranda, correspondence or attorney work product, even if such materials contain Protected Material. Any such archival copies that contain or constitute Protected Material remain subject to this Protective Order as set forth in Section 4 (DURATION), above.

12. MISCELLANEOUS

12.1 Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any person to seek its modification by the Court in the future.

12.2 Right to Assert Other Objections. By stipulating to the entry of this Protective Order no Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to disclosing or producing any information or item on any ground not addressed in this Stipulated Protective Order. Similarly, no Party waives any right to object on any ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered by this Protective Order.

IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.

DATED: 4/14/08

ANDREW C. SCHWARTZ  
Attorneys for Plaintiffs

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

PATRICK EMERY  
Attorneys for Plaintiffs

DATED: 4/29/08

STEVEN C. MITCHELL  
Attorneys for Defendants

PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

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15 IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.

16  
 17 DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

18 ANDREW C. SCHWARTZ  
 Attorneys for Plaintiffs

19 DATED: 4/25/08

20 PATRICK EMERY  
 Attorneys for Plaintiffs

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 22 DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

23 STEVEN C. MITCHELL  
 Attorneys for Defendants

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 25 PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED.

26  
 27 DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

28 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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EXHIBIT A

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

I, \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name], of \_\_\_\_\_  
[print or type full address], declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and  
understand the Stipulated Protective Order that was issued by the United States District Court for  
the Northern District of California on [date] in the case of *Chass v. County of Sonoma, et al*, CV 08  
0111 MMC. I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this Stipulated Protective  
Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions  
and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner  
any information or item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any person or entity  
except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order.

I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the  
Northern District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Stipulated Protective  
Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

City and State where sworn and signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_